



July 10, 2008

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative c/o California Resources Agency 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311 Sacramento, CA 95814 Attention: Melissa Miller-Henson

RE: Regional Stakeholder Group Initiative Dick Schaffer

Dear Ms Miller-Henson:

United Anglers of Southern California (UASC) nominates Dick Schaffer for the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRSG). UASC has some 40,000 affiliated members, primarily in the South Coast Region and is seen as the primary organization representing recreational anglers in Southern California.

Dick Schaffer is a regionally recognized surf fisherman who is frequently asked to give seminars and share his fishing knowledge up and down the Southern California coast. Although he most frequently fishes in Santa Monica Bay his knowledge and reputation extend both geographically and fishing-wise from San Diego to Santa Barbara.

Dick is also the owner of Purfield's Tackle in Marina del Rey. As such he would bring to the SCRSG the additional viewpoint of someone whose livelihood depends on a healthy vibrant ocean and fishermen's access to it. Since he spends his days (and nights) talking with fishermen he will be an excellent conduit between the average fisherman-on-the-street and the SCRSG.

Mr. Schaffer is articulate, thoughtful, cares deeply about the resource, is committed to involving as many people as possible in recreational fishing, and will be able to build bridges between different constituencies. He is committed to working towards building a consensus plan with the UASC team.

Sincerely,

Tom Raftican, President

United Anglers of Southern California